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**Teaching and Research Interests**

Cultural Anthropology, transnationalism, globalization, migration, alcohol consumption, identity, rural development, social change, violence, gender, hierarchy, aging, social constructionism, political economy, South Asia, Sri Lanka, West Asia.

**Employment**

Professor of Anthropology, Portland State University, Sept 2008 – present.  
Associate Professor of Anthropology, Portland State University, Sept. 2003 – Aug. 2008.  
Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Portland State University, Sept. 1995 – Aug. 2003.  
Overseas Faculty Director, Intercollegiate Sri Lanka Exchange (ISLE) Program July – Dec. 2003 (Leave of absence, Portland State University)

**Education**

Ph.D. in Anthropology, University of Michigan, 1995.  
M.A. in Anthropology, University of Michigan, 1991.  
B.A. in Philosophy and Theology, Balliol College, Oxford University, 1989. (M.A. Oxon Philosophy and Theology 2000)  
B.A. with High Honors in English Literature with minors in Sociology-Anthropology and Mathematics, Swarthmore College, 1987.

**Grants, Fellowships, and other Honors**

2007 Phi Kappa Phi  
2005 *National Science Foundation*, Co-PI, Research Grant. Research on tsunami relief and recovery in Sri Lanka, performed July – September 2005 and April – August 2006.  
2005 *American Institute for Sri Lanka Studies (AISLS)* Research Grant. Research on alcohol use in Sri Lanka, performed July – September 2005 and April – August 2006.  
2003 John Eliot Allen *Outstanding Teaching Award*, Portland State University  
2000 John Eliot Allen *Outstanding Teaching Award*, Portland State University  
1999 *National Science Foundation*, Principal Investigator, Research Grant. Research on labor migration in Sri Lanka performed: April - July 2000. Grant SBR-9903314.  
1998 *Guggenheim Foundation*, Principal Investigator, with eight other Portland State faculty, coordinating qualifying proposal in competition for interdisciplinary

- Introductory Curriculum in Violence Studies. \$1000. Activities performed June - September 1998.
- 1996 *Oregon Council for the Humanities*, Principal Investigator, Research Grant. Research on labor migration in Sri Lanka, performed July - September 1997.
- 1994 *Andrew W. Mellon* Dissertation Fellowship.
- 1992 *National Science Foundation* Dissertation Research Award. Research on labor migration in Sri Lanka, performed October 1992 – April 1994.
- 1992 *Foreign Language Area Studies* summer grant for language study (Sinhala) at Cornell University, summer 1992.
- 1991 *National Science Foundation* Summer Research Award. Preliminary dissertation research in Sri Lanka, performed July – August 1991.
- 1990 *National Science Foundation* Graduate Research Fellowship for graduate study
- 1989 *Regents Fellowship*, University of Michigan, for graduate study
- 1987 *Keasbey Memorial Foundation Fellowship*, Oxford University
- 1987 Phi Beta Kappa
- 1983 *Theodore And Elizabeth Friend Scholarship*, Swarthmore College

### **Fieldwork and Research in Sri Lanka**

- 2009: July – August (funded by PSU)
- 2006: April – August (funded by NSF, AISLS)
- 2005: July – September (funded by AISLS, PSU)
- 2004: January – March, November – December (sabbatical leave; funded by PSU)
- 2000: April - July (funded by NSF)
- 1997: July - September (funded by PSU and Oregon Council for the Humanities)
- 1992-1994: 18 months of dissertation research (funded by NSF)
- 1991: June - August (funded by the University of Michigan and NSF)
- 1985: January - May (research assistant for Dr. Geraldine Gamburd)

### **Publications**

#### **Books**

- 2010 *Tsunami Recovery in Sri Lanka: Ethnic and Regional Dimensions*, edited by Dennis McGilvray and Michele Gamburd. Routledge.
- 2008 *Breaking the Ashes: The Culture of Illicit Liquor in Sri Lanka*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- 2005 *Wisdom of the Kitchen Spoon's Handle*. Swarnakanthi Rajapakse, translator. Nugegoda, Sri Lanka: Sarasavi Publishers. (Sinhala translation of my 2000 book).
- 2002 *Transnationalism and Sri Lanka's Migrant Housemaids: The Kitchen Spoon's Handle*. New Delhi: Vistaar Publications. (South Asian reprint of my 2000 book).
- 2000 *The Kitchen Spoon's Handle: Transnationalism and Sri Lanka's Migrant Housemaids*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press

#### **Articles**

- 2010 "Sri Lanka's Post-Tsunami Recovery: Cultural Traditions, Social Structures and Power Struggles" (co-authored with Dennis B. McGilray, U Colorado – Boulder). *Anthropology News* October, 2010, pp. 9, 11.

- [http://www.aaanet.org/publications/upload/51-7-Gamburd\\_McGilvray-In-Focus.pdf](http://www.aaanet.org/publications/upload/51-7-Gamburd_McGilvray-In-Focus.pdf)
- 2010 "Sri Lankan Migration to the Gulf: Female Breadwinners – Domestic Workers," Migration and the Gulf (February 2010), pp. 13-15, available at <http://www.mei.edu/Portals/0/Publications/Migration%20Gulf.pdf>.
- 2009 Advocating for Sri Lankan Migrant Workers: Obstacles and Challenges. *Critical Asian Studies* 41(1):61-88.
- 2008 Milk Teeth and Jet Planes: Kin Relations in Families of Sri Lanka's Transnational Domestic Servants. *City and Society* 20(1):5-31.
- 2004 Money that Burns Like Oil: A Sri Lankan Cultural Logic of Morality and Agency. *Ethnology* 43(2):167-84.
- 2003 In the wake of the Gulf War: assessing family spending of compensation money in Sri Lanka. *International Journal of Population Geography* 9 (6): 503-515. <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/abstract/106567007/ABSTRACT>, posted 21 Nov. 2003.
- 1999 "Class Identity and the International Division of Labor: Sri Lanka's Migrant Housemaids" *Anthropology of Work Review* (19)3:4-8
- 1997 "Wearing a Dead Man's Jacket: State Symbols in Troubled Places" in *South Asia Special Issue No. XX.: Conflict and Community in Contemporary Sri Lanka*. Siri Gamage and Bruce Watson, eds. pp. 181-194.
- 1995 "Sri Lanka's 'Army of Housemaids': Control of Remittances and Gender Transformations." *Anthropologica* 37: 49-88.
- 1990-1994 "Images of Working Women." *Kalyani: Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Kelaniya*, 9-13: 352-357.
- 1993 "A Village View of the Provincial Council Elections." *The Thatched Patio*, 6(5): 32-47. Colombo, Sri Lanka: International Centre for Ethnic Studies.

### Book Chapters

- Forthcoming 2011: coauthored with Geraldine Gamburd: "Of Housewarmings and Homecomings: Kinship and Gift Exchange in Sri Lankan Ceremonies" for publication in *Embedded Religions: Essays in Honor of W. S. Karunatilake*, Carol Anderson, Susanne Mroziak, and R. M. W. Rajapakse, editors. Colombo, Sri Lanka: S. Godage and Brothers.
- 2011 "Female Labor Migration from Sri Lanka to the Middle East," in *The Sri Lanka Reader*, edited by John Holt. Pp. 687-694. Duke University Press.
- 2010 "Breadwinners No More," in *Everyday Life in South Asia*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, edited by Diane Mines and Sarah Lamb. Indiana University Press.
- 2010 "Breadwinners No More: Masculinity in Flux" in *Global Perspectives on Gender and Work*, edited by Jacqueline Goodman. Pp. 355-366. Rowman and Littlefield Publishers. (Reprint of chapter 7 of my 2000 book.)
- 2010 "Advocating for Sri Lankan Migrant Workers: Obstacles and Challenges." In *Migrant Workers in Asia: Distant Divides, Intimate Connections*, edited by Nicole Constable. Pp. 67-86. London: Routledge.
- 2010 "The Golden Wave: Aftermath of the Tsunami on Sri Lanka's Southwest Coast." In *Tsunami Recovery in Sri Lanka: Ethnic and Regional Dimensions*, edited by Michele Gamburd and Dennis McGilvray. Pp. 64-83Routledge.

- 2010 Co-authored with Dennis McGilvray: "Introduction." In *Tsunami Recovery in Sri Lanka: Ethnic and Regional Dimensions*, edited by Michele Gamburd and Dennis McGilvray. Pp. 1-16. Routledge.
- 2010 Co-authored with Dennis McGilvray: "Conclusion." In *Tsunami Recovery in Sri Lanka: Ethnic and Regional Dimensions*, edited by Michele Gamburd and Dennis McGilvray. Pp. 163-166. Routledge.
- 2005 "'Lentils There, Lentils Here': Sri Lankan Domestic Labour in the Middle East. In *Asian Women as Transnational Domestic Workers*, edited by Shirlena Huang, Brenda S.A. Yeoh, and Noor Abdul Rahman, pp. 92-114. Singapore: Marshall Cavendish.
- 2004 "The Economics of Enlisting: A Village View of Armed Service" in *Economy and Ethnic Conflict in Sri Lanka*, Deborah Winslow and Michael Woost, eds. Pp. 151-167. Indiana University Press.
- 2002 "Breadwinner No More," in *Global Women: Nannies, Maids, and Sex Workers in the New Economy*, edited by Arlie Hochschild and Barbara Ehrenreich. New York: Metropolitan Books: pp. 190-206. (Reprint of chapter 7 of my 2000 book.)
- 2000 "Nurture for Sale: Sri Lankan Housemaids and the Work of Mothering," in *Home and Hegemony: Domestic Service and Identity Politics in South and Southeast Asia*, Sara Dickey and Kathleen M. Adams, eds. University of Michigan Press: 179-205.
- 1999 "Wearing a Dead Man's Jacket: State Symbols in Troubled Places" in *Conflict and Community in Contemporary Sri Lanka*. Siri Gamage and Bruce Watson, eds. Sage India. Pp. 165-177. (Reprint of my 1997 article by the same title.)
- 1998 "Absent Women and Their Extended Families: Sri Lanka's Migrant Housemaids" in *Negotiation and Social Space, a gendered analysis of changing kin and security networks in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa*, Carla Risseuw and Kamala Ganesh, editors. Sage India. pp. 276-291.

### **Book Reviews**

- 2011 Paul Shankman. *The Trashing of Margaret Mead: Anatomy of an Anthropological Controversy*. *Pacific Historical Review* 80(1): 152-3.
- 2009 Diane P. Mines. *Fierce Gods: Inequality, Ritual, and the Politics of Dignity in a South Indian Village*. *Magic, Ritual, and Witchcraft* 4(2): 238-241.
- 2009 Pei-Chia Lan. *Global Cinderellas: Migrant Domestic Workers and Newly Rich Employers in Taiwan*. *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 51(2): 463-464.
- 2008 Caitrin Lynch. *Juki Girls, Good Girls: Gender and Cultural Politics in Sri Lanka's Global Garment Industry*. *Journal of Asian Studies* 67(4): 1487-1489.
- 2007 Mark Whitaker. *Learning Politics from Sivaram: The Life and Death of a Revolutionary Tamil Journalist in Sri Lanka*. *Journal of Asian Studies* 66(4): 1210-1211.
- 2007 Arjun Appadurai. *Fear of Small Numbers*. *American Anthropologist* 109(3): 547-548.
- 2005 S. H. Hasbullah and Barrie M. Morrison, eds. *Sri Lankan Society in an Era of Globalization: Struggling to Create a New Social Order*. *The Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography* 26(3):377-379.

- 2003 Swarna Jayaweera, ed. *Women in Post-Independence Sri Lanka*. *Pacific Affairs* 76(3):488-489.
- 2002 Tom Gill. *Men of Uncertainty: The Social Organization of Day Laborers in Contemporary Japan*. *American Ethnologist* 29 (3): 739-40.
- 2000 Review of three books on Sri Lanka: Dennis B. McGilvray. *Symbolic Heat: Gender, Health & Worship among the Tamils of South India and Sri Lanka*; Birgitte Refslund Sorensen. *Relocated Lives: Displacement and Resettlement in the Mahaweli Project, Sri Lanka*; Mark P. Whitaker. *Amiable Incoherence: Manipulating Histories and Modernities in a Batticaloa Hindu Temple*. *American Anthropologist* 102(4):951-54.
- 1996 Josine van der Horst. *Who is He, What is He Doing: Religious Rhetoric and Performances in Sri Lanka during R. Premadasa's Presidency (1989-1993)*. *Journal of Ritual Studies* 10 (2): 147-148.

### **Professional Presentations**

- 2011 "Shelter or Shame: Sri Lankan Views on Nursing Homes," to be presented at the 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal, Canada, 18 November 2011.
- 2011 "Sri Lankan Migrant Workers: Obstacles and Challenges to Activism." Lorwin Lectureship on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties: Women's Activism, Women's Rights. Invited lecture at the University of Oregon, 28 February 2011.
- 2010 "Migrant Remittances, Population Ageing, and Intergenerational Family Obligations in Sri Lanka," presented at the 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA, 17 November 2010.
- 2010 "Assessment in Anthropology," at the Teaching TALKS: Today's Academics Linking Knowledge and Skills conference, on a panel entitled "Telling the Truth about Assessment: Stories from the Field," 20 October 2010.
- 2010 "Narrating Class, Caste, and Citizenship: Stigma, Prestige, and Corruption in the Aftermath of the Indian Ocean Tsunami," presented at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin – Madison, 17 October 2010.
- 2010 Presenter on a Roundtable on "Oil Worlds: People, Places, and Petroleum" hosted by the Portland Center for Public Humanities, Portland State University, 12 October 2010.
- 2010 "Migrant Remittances, Population Ageing, and Intergenerational Family Obligations in Sri Lanka," presented at the International Workshop on Transnational Labour Migration, Remittances and Changing Family Structures and Relations in Asia, organized by the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore and the Asian MetaCentre's CHAMPSEA project team. 27-28 July 2010, Asia Research Institute - Bukit Timah Campus, National University of Singapore.
- 2010 "Demographics and Remittances: Labor Migration and Population Aging in Sri Lanka," presented at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC), Portland State University, Portland Oregon, June 18-20, 2010.
- 2010 "Aftermath of the Indian Ocean Tsunami: Recovery and Reconstruction in Sri Lanka." Invited presentation on a panel entitled "Disasters: Vulnerability and the Politics of Reconstruction" at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian American Heritage

- Conference – Human Rights: From Dialogue to Action at Northeastern Illinois University, 1 April 2010.
- 2010 “Ethnography of Tsunami Recovery: Stigma, Prestige, and Corruption. Invited presentation at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian American Heritage Conference – Human Rights: From Dialogue to Action at Northeastern Illinois University, 1 April 2010.
- 2010 “Care Crisis in Sri Lanka: Demographics, Migration, and the State.” Brownbag presentation for the Gerontology Association of Portland State University and the Institute on Aging, 11 January 2010.
- 2009 Discussant for a panel entitled “Transnational Family Life and Internal Migration: Continuity or Change?” at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Philadelphia, PA, 6 December 2009.
- 2009 Participant in a roundtable discussion entitled “Marginal or Mainstream? The Beginnings and the End(s) of Feminist Anthropology,” at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Philadelphia, PA, 3 December 2009.
- 2009 “Sri Lanka Experiences of Gulf Migration” presented at a conference entitled “Politics and Society in the Contemporary Gulf,” Institute for Middle East Studies, The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, 14 April 2009.
- 2008 “Care Crisis in the Global South: Demographics, Transnational Migration, and the State.” Presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in San Francisco, CA, 20 November 2008.
- 2008 “Gender, Migration, and the Gulf: Explaining Stunted Labor Activism in Sri Lanka.” Presented at a conference entitled “G.C.C. - Gender, Connectivity, and Change in the Gulf Arab States,” University of California, Irvine, April 18-19 2008
- 2008 “A Puzzling Paucity: Inter-Asian Migration and Stunted Labor Activism in Sri Lanka.” To be presented in a workshop entitled “Distant Divides and Intimate Connections: Migrant Domestic Workers in Asia,” at the Social Science Research Council’s “International Conference on Inter-Asian Connections.” Dubai, UAE, 21-24 February 2008.
- 2007 “Home Wars: Gendered Consumption Struggles over Alcohol and Migrant Remittances,” presented at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, March 23, 2007.
- 2006 “The Golden Wave: Southern Viewpoints on Sri Lanka’s Tsunami,” presented on a panel entitled “Comparative Sri Lankan Perspectives on the Indian Ocean Tsunami,” (M. Gamburd, organizer), at the 35th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin – Madison, October 21, 2006.
- 2006 “Community dynamics: Sri Lankan responses to transnational labor migration” invited plenary presentation at the ESRC Centre on Migration, Policy and Society [COMPAS] Annual International Conference, “International Labour Migration: In Whose Interests?” Centre for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences, Oxford University, July 5th-6th, 2006.
- 2005 “Improving Labor Conditions for Transnational Migrants: Government Intervention and Local Activism in Sri Lanka” presented in absentia at the

- American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Washington, DC, December 3, 2005.
- 2005 Organized the Roundtable Presentation “The Indian Ocean Tsunami” at the 34th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin – Madison, October 8, 2005.
- 2005 “Domestic Labor Abroad: Sri Lankan Migration to the Middle East,” presented at a conference entitled “Transnational Migration: Foreign Labor and Its Impact in the Gulf,” at the Bellagio Center, Italy, June 20 – 25, 2005.
- 2005 “Missing Mothers: Children of Sri Lanka’s Migrant Housemaids,” invited presentation at a conference entitled “Gender, Ethnicity and Identity: The ‘New Maids’ in the Age of Globalisation,” at the NIAS (Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences) in Wassenaar, The Netherlands, May 26 – 29, 2005.
- 2005 “Labor Migration and Social Action: Sri Lanka’s Migrant Housemaids,” invited presentation at a conference entitled “Economic Globalization and Its Implications for Democracy in South Asia,” Austin, Texas, 8 April 2005.
- 2004 “Milk Teeth and Jet Planes: Children of Sri Lanka’s Migrant Housemaids,” presented at the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Seattle, Washington, 1 October 2004.
- 2004 “Sri Lankan Migration to the Middle East: Policy Alternatives and Suggestions,” presented at the Social Scientists Association, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 26 March 2004.
- 2004 Invited presentation, “‘Lentils There, Lentils Here!’ Sri Lankan Domestic Labor in the Middle East” at the conference “Contemporary Perspectives on Asian Women as Transnational Domestic Workers (TDWs),” 23-25 February, sponsored by the Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis, National University of Singapore on 23 February 2004.
- 2003 “Poisonous Parents and Lion’s Liver Curry: Family Feuds and Affiliation in a Sri Lankan Village” presented in absentia at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Chicago, IL November 2003.
- 2003 “Anthropology Assessment Plan” poster presented with Judy Redder at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual PSU Assessment Symposium, 5 June 2003.
- 2003 “Family Feuds and Affiliation in Sri Lanka” presented at the American Ethnological Society’s Annual Meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, 26 April 2003.
- 2002 “The Economics of Enlisting: Currency, Corruption, and Sri Lanka’s Ethnic Conflict,” presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in New Orleans, LA, 21 November 2002.
- 2002 “‘That Money Burns Like Oil’: A Sri Lankan Cultural Logic of Morality and Work” presented on the panel “Politics and Identity: Women and Work in South Asian Contexts” (M. Gamburd, organizer), Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., 5 April 2002.
- 2001 “That Money Burns Like Oil”: A Sri Lankan Cultural Logic of Morality, Agency, and Identity,” presented on the double panel “Critiquing Theories of Identity: Agency, Social Context, and the Self” (M. Gamburd, organizer), American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Washington, DC, 1 Dec. 2001

- 2001 Invited presentation, "In the Wake of the Gulf War: Assessing Family Spending of Compensation Money in Sri Lanka," at the conference "Migration and the 'Asian Family' in a Globalizing World," 16-18 April 2001, sponsored by the Asian Metacentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis, National University of Singapore.
- 2000 "The Economics of Enlisting: A Village View of Armed Service," AISLS (American Institute for Sri Lanka Studies) Workshop Conference on Economy and Ethnic Conflict in Sri Lanka. University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire, August 26, 2000.
- 2000 "'Sri Lankan Domestic Workers in the Middle East: Witnessing and Identity,'" Women's Studies: Asian Connections conference at The University of British Columbia's Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations, in collaboration with the UBC Institute for Asian Research and the Simon Fraser University Women's Studies Department, Vancouver, Canada, 4 November 2000
- 1999 "Victims of America's National Enemy: Popular Representations of Migrant Laborers in the Middle East," American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Chicago, IL, 21 November 1999.
- 1999 "Sri Lanka's Migrant Housemaids: Rethinking 'the Village'" presented on the panel "The Local in Global Perspective" (M. Gamburd, organizer), 28th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin – Madison, October 1999.
- 1999 "Female Labor Migration: Global Links and Local Changes in Two Sri Lankan Villages," 51st Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Boston, MA, 12 March 1999.
- 1999 "Female Labor Migration: Global Links and Local Changes in Two Sri Lankan Communities", 57th Annual Meeting of the Oregon Academy of Sciences, Salem, OR, 27 February 1999.
- 1998 "Class Identity and the International Division of Labor: Sri Lanka's Migrant Housemaids" presented on the panel "Women's Work and the Global Economy in South Asia" (M. Gamburd, organizer), American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Philadelphia, PA, 6 Dec. 1998.
- 1998 "Violence and the Transformation of Masculinity, Motherhood, and National Identity" presented on the panel "Emerging Identities in Sri Lanka: Nationality, Religion and Violence" (M. Gamburd, organizer), 27th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin – Madison, 16 October 1998.
- 1998 "Female Migration from Two Sri Lankan Villages, One Sinhala, One Muslim" presented on the panel "Social Change and Feminist Analysis" (M. Gamburd, organizer), 11th Annual Women's Studies Conference at the University of South Carolina – Columbia, 27 February 1998.
- 1997 "Immoral Maid and Abusive Employer: Fact and Genre," American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Washington, DC, November 1997.
- 1997 "Immoral Maid and Abusive Employer: Stories about the Migration of Labor to the Middle East," International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 9 Sept. 1997.
- 1997 "Barriers to Grass-roots Development," 6th Sri Lanka Studies Conference, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, August 1997.

- 1996 "Altercation at the Crossroads: Dueling Discourses of Marginality and Modernity", American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in San Francisco, 23 November 1996.
- 1996 "Status Markers and Social Change in a Sri Lankan Village", presented on the panel "Women and Work: Changing Ideologies of Gender and Class" (M. Gamburd organizer), 25th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin – Madison, 19 October 1996.
- 1995 "Wearing a Dead Man's Jacket: State Symbols in Troubled Places", presented on the panel "Ritual and Violence: Recreating Community in Sri Lanka's Shattered World" (M. Gamburd, organizer), American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings in Washington, DC, 19 November 1995.
- 1995 "Nurture for Sale: Sri Lankan Housemaids and the Work of Mothering," 24th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin – Madison, 21 October 1995.
- 1995 "Migrant Women and the Microprocesses of Village Change", 5th Sri Lanka Conference, University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire, 12 August 1995.
- 1994 "Land Reform and Caste Relations in a Sri Lankan Village," 23rd Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin—Madison, 5 November 1994.
- 1994 "Social Mobilization and the Status of Women: The Janasaviya Programme in Theory and Practice," Fourth National Convention on Women's Studies, Centre for Women's Research, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 4 March 1994.
- 1993 "Military Men and Housemaids: Poverty, Work, Discipline, and the Body," Conference on Violence, Suffering, and Healing, Sociology Department, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, India, 28 August 1993.
- 1993 "Rural Women and the Labor Market: The Global Market from a Local Perspective," Fourth Sri Lanka Studies Conference, Colombo, Sri Lanka, August 12 1993.

### **Teaching Experience: Courses Taught**

Anthropology 103: Introduction to Socio-Cultural Anthropology  
 Anthropology 300: The Modern World in Anthropological Perspective  
 Anthropology 304: Social Theory: Social Structures and Practices  
 Anthropology 317: Peoples and Cultures of South Asia  
 Anthropology 333: Anthropology of Food  
 Anthropology 399: Mead Film Festival  
 Anthropology 412 - 512: Research Methodology in Social and Cultural Anthropology  
 Anthropology 426 - 526: Transnationalism and Migration  
 Anthropology 432 - 532: Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective  
 Anthropology 447 - 547: Advanced Topics in South Asian Anthropology  
 Anthropology 490 - 590: Anthropology of Violence  
 Anthropology 511: Graduate Core Seminar: Socio-Cultural Anthropology  
 University Studies 117Y: Freshman Inquiry – Human/Nature

**Language Proficiencies**

French (spoken and written)

Sinhala (spoken)

**Professional Affiliations:**

American Anthropological Association

American Ethnological Society

Council for General Anthropology

Association for Asian Studies

American Institute for Sri Lanka Studies

Board Member 1995 – 2004, 2010 – present

Membership Chair 1996-2002